REMARKS

- 1. In the above mentioned Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121: Group I (claims 1-6), Group II (Claims 7 and 8), Group III (Claims 9 and 10), Group IV (claims 11-14), Group V (claims 15-18), and Group VI (claims 19-23). The Applicant makes an election below, with traversal. Reconsideration and removal of the restriction requirement are hereby respectfully requested.
- 2. The Applicant cancels claims 1-14 above. The cancelled claims were previously restricted under Groups I, II, III, and IV. Claims 15-23, that remain pending in the instant application, fall under Group V and Group VI.
- 3. Applicant amends claim 15 above, classified under Group V in the restriction requirement, to include an additional limitation of retaining the core assembly by engaging an upper side thereof with a pressure-applying roof while the core assembly is in the fastening position. The Examiner states in the Office Action (page 7 under heading No. 16) that the inventions of groups V and VI are related as process and apparatus for its practice and are distinct because the process (Group V) does not require a pressure-applying roof as recited in the apparatus (Group VI). Claim 15, as amended, now requires the additional limitation. Removal of the restriction requirement between Group V and Group VI is respectfully requested.
- 4. The Applicant provisionally elects claims 19-23, classified by the Examiner as belonging to Group VI, for further prosecution.
- 5. The telephone interview with the Examiner on February 5, 2007 is appreciated. In that interview, the Applicant requested clarification of some of the restrictions, but no agreement was reached.
- 6. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication may advance the prosecution of the present application. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and an action on the merits are respectfully requested.

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